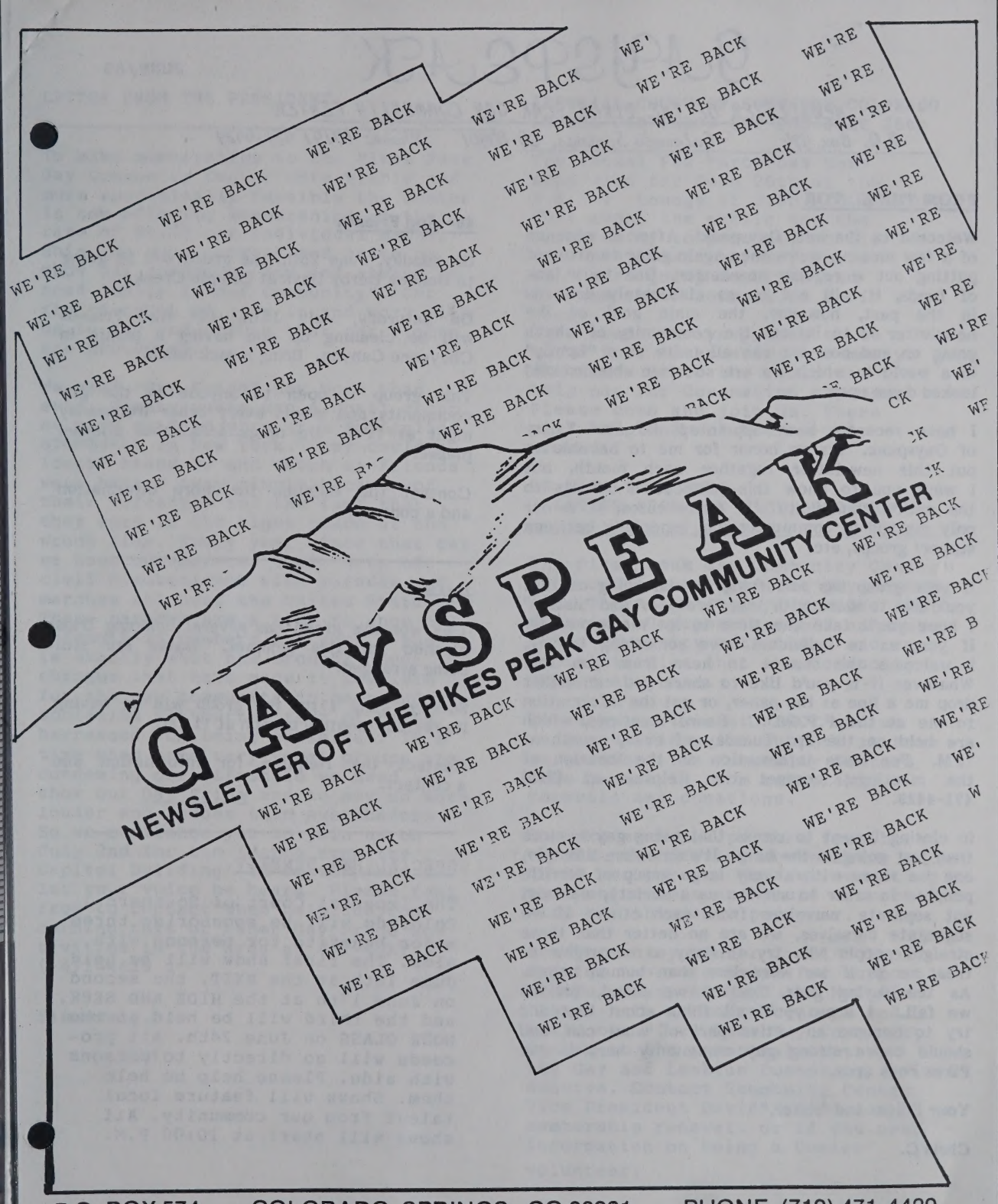

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the new Gayspeak! After an absence of a few months, we're once again going to attempt putting out a regular newsletter. Due to a lack of funds, it will not be as elaborately done as in the past, however, the main goal of the newsletter is to inform the community of what's going on and how we can all unite as a "family" in a world in which we are so often shunned and looked down upon.

I have recently been appointed the new Editor of Gayspeak. It's an honor for me to be able to put this newsletter together each month, but I want you to know this publication belongs to the entire community. In many cases, it is our only method of communication, especially between support groups, etc.

If your group has something special going on that you'd like to share with your "brothers" and "sisters" I hope you'll take the time to let me know. Or if you, as an individual have something to say, I welcome the chance to hear from you too. Whatever it is you'd like to share you can either drop me a line at the paper, or get the information to me at the P.P.G.C.C. Board meetings, which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7PM. For more information on the location of the meetings, contact the Helpline at **(719) 471-4429.**

In closing I want to stress that being gay is more than just going to the bars. It's an entire lifestyle, one we share with a very large group of terrific people. In order to survive as a society, we must not separate ourselves from each other. If we segregate ourselves, we are no better than those straight people who try to deny us our rights or treat us as if we were less than human beings. As the saying goes, "united we stand, divided we fall." I hope you'll all think about that and try to become an active part of what can, and should be, a strong gay community here in the Pikes Peak area.

Your Editor and "sister,"

Chris C.

40+ And Friends

On Sunday, June 25th, the group will be going to Donkey Derby Days at Cripple Creek.

On Saturday, July 15th, 40+ And Friends will be cleaning up and having a picnic in Cheyenne Canyon. Bring a sack lunch.

This group is open to anyone in the gay community and meets every other Wednesday night at 7PM. No drugs or alcohol allowed please.

Contact the Helpline for more information and a contact.

S.O.S.

This women's group has several camping trips planned for this summer. Dates are still being arranged.

Sunday, June 11th, the group will be having its regular monthly brunch at 11AM.

Contact the Helpline for information and a contact.

SPECIAL PWA BENEFIT

The Imperial Court of Southern Colorado will be sponsoring three major benefits for persons with aids. The first show will be held June 16th at the EXIT, the second on June 17th at the HIDE AND SEEK, and the third will be held at the HOUR GLASS on June 24th. All proceeds will go directly to persons with aids. Please help us help them. Shows will feature local talent from our community. All shows will start at 10:00 P.M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To make memberships to the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center more viable and more economically feasible the center is now offering memberships at the rate of $6.00 per individual membership. We must network and unite to show our strength. Now and always we need "Unity in our Community". Our rights count so join in and work with us to try and insure that our rights are protected.

We need "Gay Pride" now more than ever. Twenty years ago a small group of gays said no more at a bar called STONEWALL in New York. They could no longer stand by and watch as friends were hauled away simply because of their lifestyle and the fact that they were in the right place at the wrong time. Every year since that day we have comemerated their acts of civil disobedience with parades and marches all over the United States. These parades are a time to show our strength in numbers and such a show is exactly what has brought about the changes that have made it possible for the gay community to meet and to socialize withoutthe fear of being harrassed for being ourselves. In a time when some very vocal groups are condeming our lifestyle we need to show our Gay Pride and to say no more louder and louder than ever before. So we challange you to join us on July 2nd for the 'March from the Capitol Building' in Denver, and to let your voice be heard. Please feel free to contact that helpline concerning this or other Gay Pride activities in the area at 471-4GAY (471-4429)

Sincerely,

Ed

IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO ANNUAL PIE THROW SET FOR JUNE 26th

The annual Pie Throw has been scheduled for June 26th at the E X I T Lounge at 3:00 P.M. This event the public has the opportunity to purchase or bid on a pie, that they may throw at the reigning Monarchs and various other members of their lines.
This event always proves to be quite fun, interesting and messy. The funds go to the Court to help pay for Coronation expenses. Please come and join us. There will be plenty of Pie to go around!

WE NEED YOUR HELP- A LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center is a crucial part of the gay community. There are support groups, the Helpline, Gayspeak,as well as many other community activities and responsibilities that the Community Center shelters.

We have a crisis at PPGCC and we need your financial support as soon as possible.The Community Centers sole income is from membership renewals and donations.

To make memberships more feasible we are now offering memberships at $6.00 per person. We are requesting that volunteers and Board members also pay this rate per year.

The Community Center is also looking for new volunteers for support groups. Gayspeak, and the Helpline. Please help us to reorganize and build our Pikes Peak Gay Community Center to the potential that we the Gay and Lesbian Community deserve. Contact Community Center Vice President David Eidson for membership renewal, or if you need information on being a Center volunteer.

David Eidson

P.P.G.C.C. HELPLINE

For those of you who are unaware of the Helpline and what it's purpose is, this article should be of special benefit.

The Helpline is really the primary information center for the Gay community. It provides information on the various support groups, has listings of gay-owned or gay-sensitive businesses, counselors, drug/alcohol treatment centers and churches, provides medical/dental and legal referrals, has locations of bars and provides details on gay-related activities in the Pikes Peak area.

At the present time the Helpline needs your help. The Helpline needs volunteers, and the best thing is, it doesn't require a lot of your time. If you have 6-8 hours a month, and are a compassionate listener who likes talking to people, serving as a Helpline volunteer is the right vehicle for you to utilize your talents.

The Helpline hours are from 6 to 9 PM, Monday through Friday, and 3 to 5 PM on Saturday. The remainder of the time, the line is answered by an answering machine which is equipped with a message explaining the hours of operation, etc. The Helpline calls are transferred to any location by call forwarding, so you can conduct your 3 hour shift from wherever it's convenient for you. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, you're encouraged to contact Ann at the Helpline, at **471-4GAY (471-4429).** She'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Working as a Helpline volunteer is a wonderful way to meet new people who are already involved in the Gay community, share your skills while doing something important and give something to the community. And if you're in need of information about things going on in the community, don't forget to use this excellent source of information too. Whatever your needs, call the Helpline. Your use and support is needed, encouraged and appreciated. Thank you!

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PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER TO HOST BAR B QUE

On June 24th, the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center will host a bar b que at the HOUR GLASS LOUNGE. The bar b que will start at 1:00 P.M. and will go on as long as people are enjoying themselves! The bar b que starts off the beginning of Gay Pride Week. Cost of the bar b que is $5.00 per plate for non-members and $4.00 per plate for current Community Center members. Please come out and show your support and unity with the community. There should be plenty of food and fun.

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